

Q&A

JSNA FAQs

What is a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment?

A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) looks at the current and future health and care needs of local populations to inform and guide the planning and commissioning (buying) of health, well-being and social care services within a local authority area.

The JSNA:

- Provides a common view of health and care needs for the local community
- Documents current service provision
- Identifies gaps in health and care services, documenting unmet needs
- Provides evidence of effectiveness for different health and care interventions
- Looks at the health of the population, with a focus on behaviours which affect health such as smoking, diet and exercise
- Identifies health inequalities
- Is concerned with wider social factors that have an impact on people's health and wellbeing, such as housing, poverty and employment.

Who is involved?

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has a statutory responsibility to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for South Gloucestershire. The JSNA is compiled in partnership with local health and wellbeing providers and commissioners, including South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and HealthWatch South Gloucestershire. The priorities identified from the JSNA are then used to inform the South Gloucestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. By

taking this collaborative approach, local partners are clear of the ways in which they can work together to improve health and wellbeing and to reduce inequalities in the local population.

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Why this is useful to the South Gloucestershire community

The JSNA is used by health and social care commissioners as an evidence base for preparing bids and business cases, by the voluntary and community sector to ensure that community needs and views are represented, by service providers to assist in the future development of their services, and by the public to scrutinise local health and wellbeing information, plans and commissioning recommendations. It is also used to guide strategy and plan services that address the needs of the local population.

What are the timescales?

A JSNA Steering Group was formed by the HWB to oversee the production of the JSNA. Each section of the JSNA will be compiled and edited by a team of experts from across South Gloucester Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Voluntary Sector. The JSNA will be published in spring 2016.

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